

Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon. **Pages S5021, S5074**

Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

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**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

David Nathan Saperstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—248)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:51 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5070.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic and budgetary consequences of climate change, focusing on the cost of inaction, and opportunities to reduce Federal fiscal exposures through greater resilience to climate change and extreme weather, after receiving testimony from Alfredo Gomez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Mindy Lubber, Ceres, Boston, Massachusetts; Sherri W. Goodman, CNA Military Advisory Board, Arlington, Virginia; W. David Montgomery, NERA Economic Consulting, Washington,

DC; and Bjorn Lomborg, Copenhagen Consensus Center, Copenhagen, Denmark.

### RESTORE ACT AND GULF RESTORATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine revisiting the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies Act, focusing on progress and challenges in Gulf restoration post-*Deepwater Horizon*, after receiving testimony from Bruce H. Andrews, Deputy Secretary of Commerce; Trudy D. Fisher, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director, Jackson; Justin R. Ehrenwerth, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mimi A. Drew, Tallahassee, Florida, both of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council; Grover C. Robinson IV, Escambia County Commissioner, Pensacola, Florida, on behalf of the Florida Gulf Coast Consortium; and Thomas E. Kelsch, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, Washington, DC.

### TRUCK SAFETY ON OUR HIGHWAYS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges for improving truck safety on our highways, after receiving testimony from Anne S. Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Joan Claybrook, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, and David J. Osiecki, American Trucking Associations, both of Washington, DC; Major David Palmer, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, Austin, Texas; and William G. Dawson, United Parcel Service, Anna, Texas, on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

### ENERGY PRODUCTION ON FEDERAL LANDS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine breaking the logjam at the Bureau of Land Management, focusing on ways to more efficiently process permits for energy production on Federal lands, and understanding the obstacles in permitting more energy projects on Federal lands, including S. 279, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and S. 2440, to expand and extend the program to improve permit coordination by the Bureau of Land Management, after receiving testimony from Senator Tester; Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mark A. Christensen, Campbell County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Gillette, Wyoming, on behalf of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association; Lorinda

Wichman, Nye County Commission Vice Chairman, Round Mountain, Nevada; Scott M. Kidwell, COG Operating LLC, Midland, Texas, on behalf of Concho Resources, Inc.; Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, Denver, Colorado; Arthur Haubenstock, Perkins Coie LLP, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Solar Energy Industries Association; and Scott Nichols, U.S. Geothermal Inc., Boise, Idaho.

#### THREATS POSED BY CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the threats posed by climate change, after receiving testimony from Carl Hedde, Munich Reinsurance America, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey; Kristin Jacobs, Broward County Commissioner, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Bill Mook, Mook Sea Farm, Walpole, Maine; Bjorn Lomborg, Copenhagen Consensus Center, Lowell, Massachusetts; and Raymond J. Keating, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council, Vienna, Virginia.

#### TOBACCO TAXES

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine tobacco, focusing on taxes owed, avoided, and evaded, after receiving testimony from John J. Manfreda, Administrator, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury; David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Michael Tynan, Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division Policy Officer, Portland; Ronald J. Bernstein, Liggett Vector Brands LLC, Morrisville, North Carolina; Rocky Patel, Rocky Patel Premium Cigars, Inc., Naples, Florida; and Scott Drenkard, Tax Foundation, Washington, DC.

#### UNITED STATES-KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine the United States-Korea free trade agreement, focusing on lessons learned two years later, after receiving testimony from Stephen E. Biegun, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; Sean P. Murphy, Qualcomm Incorporated, San Diego, California; Shawna Morris, U.S. Dairy Export Council and National Milk Producers Federation, Arlington, Virginia; and Michael Rue, Rue and Forsman Ranch, Inc., Rio Oso, California, on behalf of the USA Rice Federation.

#### P-5+1 NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Iran, focusing on the status of the P-5+1 negotiations with Iran, after receiving

testimony from Wendy Sherman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; David S. Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; Olli Heinonen, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Michael Singh, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Francis Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Donald L. Heflin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Craig B. Allen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Earl Robert Miller, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, Stafford Fitzgerald Haney, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, and Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 502, concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 522, expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. from August 4 through 6, 2014;

S. Res. 513, honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising;

S. Res. 520, condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and expressing condolences to the families of the victims; and

The nominations of Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Kevin F. O'Malley, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Ireland, James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, David Pressman, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Allan P. Mustard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Erica J. Barks Ruggles, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, John R. Bass, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, John Francis Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, and

Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, all of the Department of State.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Madeline Cox Arleo, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senator Menendez, Victor Allen Bolden, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senator Murphy, and David J. Hale, and Gregory N. Stivers, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, who were both introduced by Senator Paul, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported "The Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015".

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 5229–5254; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 121 were introduced. **Pages H7039–40**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7041–42**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4299, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing (H. Rept. 113–565, Pt. 1) and

H. Res. 694, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 676) providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R.

935) to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from August 1, 2014, through September 5, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–566). **Pages H7038–39**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Farenthold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6979**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6986**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Jeff Parish, First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks, Largo, Florida. **Page H6986**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H6986, H7024**